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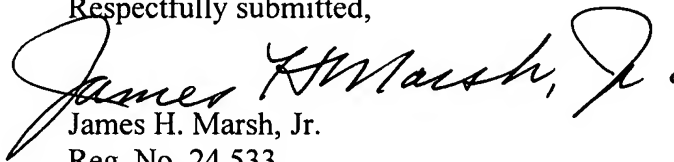
Claims 1 through 26 remain in this application for active consideration.

This amendment is submitted voluntarily at this time for the purpose of supplementing the amendment filed on December 27, 2004 by correcting a few remaining minor inconsistencies and/or typographical errors in claims 3, 11 and 18 through 20 that went unnoticed previously. It is submitted that the amendments presented above are appropriate and that the same do not include new matter.

This application as amended above includes the same number of claims as presented by the previous amendment. Accordingly, it is believed that no additional filing fee is required at this time.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the amendments and remarks submitted previously, it is respectfully submitted that the claims remaining for active consideration in this application define patentably over the cited reference and comply fully with all of the formal requirements of the patent statutes and rules and regulations of the Office. Accordingly, favorable action at an early date will be appreciated. If the examiner is of the view that any issue remains unresolved, it is respectfully suggested that applicants' undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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